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Pay Your Bills Faster and Easier Than Ever Before With Marietta Power's New Online Payment System

Marietta Power recently launched a new online payment option that will enable its customers to pay bills and analyze their electrical power usage faster and easier than ever before.

"We developed this system to provide our customers with the latest and greatest in technology and convenience," said Sherri Rashad, Marietta Power customer service manager. "We want our customers to have access to Marietta Power 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Marietta Power sent out letters announcing the service to its existing customers in late June. In

addition to paying bills, customers can use the system to get a history of their power consumption for the last three years.

To take advantage of the new online payment service, you will need your Marietta Power account number, which is located on your electric bill, as well as the temporary personal identification number (PIN) included in the letter you received announcing the service. Then, visit www.mariettapower.com on the Internet.

When the home page appears, just click on the

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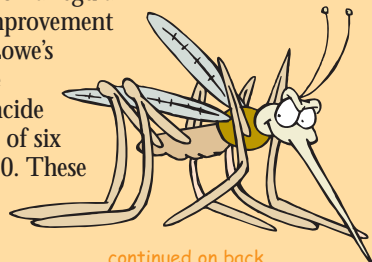
Don't Let Mosquitoes Put the Bite on You This Summer

Mosquitoes have become more than just a nuisance in recent years. Many of these aggravating little insects now carry the West Nile virus, which poses a serious health risk – especially to young children and senior citizens. Fortunately, you can protect yourself and your loved ones from those annoying and potentially life-threatening bites this summer.

Start by taking steps to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in your yard. Anything outdoors that holds standing water for more than a week can produce mosquitoes. So, drain and/or remove tin cans, potted plant saucers, old tires, wading pools,

ornamental ponds, and anything else that can hold water where mosquitoes can breed.

If you can't eliminate an area of standing water, you can prevent mosquitoes from breeding by using larvicide on a regular basis. Home improvement stores such as Lowe's and The Home Depot sell larvicide tablets in packs of six for less than \$10. These tablets remain effective for



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“online services” link. A screen will then appear requesting your account number and temporary PIN number. After entering this information, a screen will appear requesting that you select a PIN number of your choice. You will receive an e-mail confirming your new PIN number within a matter of minutes.

You can then log onto the system using your Marietta Power account number and the PIN number you selected. After logging on, you can request a chart showing your power, electric, and water consumption, billing amounts, and payments for the last three years. Or, simply click the “Pay Now” button to



pay your current electrical bill. The system will ask you to key in the credit card number that you wish to use to pay your bill. The system will accept both VISA and MasterCard for payment. After entering this information, the system will show you a screen with a confirmation number acknowledging the receipt of your payment. This screen will also instruct you to print a copy of the screen, which will serve as your payment receipt.

“We hope Marietta Power customers will take advantage of this tremendous tool for paying bills and analyzing their usage,” Rashad said. ⚡

Mosquitoes

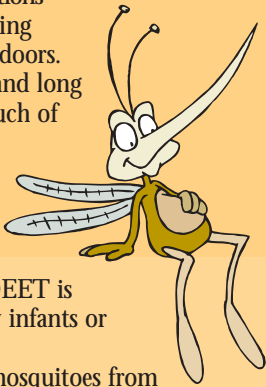
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approximately one month.

You should also take precautions to prevent yourself from getting bitten when you venture outdoors. Wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants outside will protect much of your body. You and your family members should also wear insect repellent containing DEET when you spend time outside. A word of caution, however: DEET is not recommended for use by infants or pregnant women.

Finally, you can prevent mosquitoes from entering your home by making sure that the screens on your windows and doors fit tightly.

The City of Marietta Public Works Department will also continue taking steps to protect you and your family from mosquitoes this summer. The department has implemented an Integrated Pest



Management Program to reduce the mosquito population.

Specific elements of the program include:

- Stepping up efforts to inform residents about the most effective mosquito control methods.
- Aggressively abating standing water nuisances on private property by requiring stagnant water be eliminated or treated with larvicide on a regular basis.
- Treating standing water on City-owned properties with larvicide on regular intervals.
- Spraying for adult mosquitoes on a monthly basis.

For more information on mosquito control, please call the **Cobb County Board of Health** at (770) 435-7815 or the **Cobb County Extension Service** at (770) 528-4070. In addition, Marietta's **Public Works Department**, (770) 794-5650, has several links for mosquito and West Nile virus information at www.city.marietta.ga.us ⚡

Calendar of Events

May 17 – August 3

Martha Simkins
Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art
Call (770) 528-1444 for more information

July 15 – August 3

“Smoke on the Mountain”
Theatre in the Square
Main Stage
by Allan Bailey and Constance Ray
Call (770) 422-8369 for more information

August 5

More Than Petticoats Book Signing
Meet the author, Sara Martin, and collect her autograph
Marietta Museum of History
7 - 8 p.m.
Free admission
Call (770) 528-0431 for more information

August 13 – September 21

Mary Stuart
Theatre in the Square
Main Stage
Call (770) 422-8369 for more information

August 29

Glover Park Concert Series
Banks & Shane – Light Pop
Marietta Square
8 p.m.
Call (770) 794-5601 for more information

August 30 – September 1

Art in the Park
Labor Day on the Marietta Square
A fine art show featuring over 120 artists
Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Call (770) 429-1115 for more information

August 30 – September 1

Living History Days
Marietta Square
Marietta Museum of History
Saturday and Monday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 4 p.m.
Admission is free
Call (770) 528-0431 for more information